

Population Of Gardena Up

Population of Gardena went up another 1.8 percent during the last quarter, the County Regional Planning Commission announced last week in its Oct. 1 estimate. Latest figure shows 11,909, compared with 11,695 estimated as of July 1.

Estimates, reached through an analysis of building permits, applying vacancy and size-of-family factors, gave population of the entire county as 3,849,390, for an increase of 1.3 percent. Almost half of these people live in the City of Los Angeles, where population has risen 51,034 to 1,921,285, or 2.7 per cent above July.

Forty men and 15 women have been added to the farm advisors' staffs in counties of the State this year by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California.

CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE MEET SET FOR MONDAY

A meeting of the committee of the Lions Club-Firemen's annual Children's Christmas party in the Civic Auditorium will be held Monday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Moose hall, according to Lindsay D. Ridgeway, chairman. The Moose lodge is cooperating in the affair, and other service clubs have been asked to name members of the Christmas party committee.

Entry Closes

Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull announced this week that kindergarten children must enroll by tomorrow, Oct. 3, 1947, in order to attend Torrance schools this year. There will be no mid-year kindergarten classes. There were 210 enrolled the first week. New students will not be accepted after Oct. 3, 1947, (tomorrow).

School Bus Problem Vexes Officials Here

Making three school buses with a total seating capacity of 162 pupils transport 397 elementary school pupils and to cooperate with the high school district by extending this same equipment to transport the 117 high school students who are in the transportation zones, is a problem which is facing Torrance City School district.

Because of the widespread area of Torrance, a total of one-fifth of all students must be transported to school, under the law. Torrance covers in excess of 18 square miles while some school districts are only three miles in area. As outlying districts build, the local percentage of those to be transported to school will grow tremendously.

The maximum capacity of the buses now owned by the school district, operating two trips before school and two trips after school (the maximum number of trips possible) is 334 students. Since it is necessary to transport 514 students, more buses must be purchased, according to Dr. H. A. Wood, president of the Torrance City Board of Education, unless municipal bus service is augmented with new buses on new routes.

Right now three subdivisions are building and selling some 600 homes in transportation zones which will require buses for some 600 students next year, using a rate of one school age child per home.

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Schools Buy Quonset Huts For Use Here

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'knocked down.' When put together, these metal buildings will serve for warehousing facilities for the school district and release these three bungalows for classroom use. That will mean an additional capacity of 105 students. This makes a total capacity of the Torrance Elementary Schools for grades kindergarten through six of 1,925 students. This is maximum enrollment capacity, so the working capacity, which is ordinarily only 90 percent of the total capacity, would be 1,733 pupils. We have today enrolled as of Monday, September 22, 1947, 1,488 pupils in the first six, which leaves us room for an additional load of 250 students. This 250 students is divided as follows:

"Walteria School — has room for an increase of 70 pupils.
"Perry School — will have an increased capacity of 30 pupils.

"Fern Avenue School — is already beyond its working capacity.

"Torrance Elementary — has room for about 80 additional pupils.

"The additional housing in the Hollywood Riviera and in the Seaside Ranchos area which is coming in the next year, will in itself exceed this additional capacity. This takes no account of the contemplated multiple rental housing which was recently sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, or the Kettler Knolls Tract. The number of children who are coming in from the Torrance Flight Strip is increasing daily and individual houses being built over the district are contributing to the increased enrollment. As a matter of fact the average increase in population in Torrance each year from 1940 to 1947 was 575 people.

"We have more houses than this being built in the coming year in Torrance, and a house means several people. So far, the new houses that have been built in Torrance have included almost a child per house.

"Obviously it will be a tremendous savings to the School District to procure sites before the area becomes built up and land prices increase.

"The above description takes no account of the 7th and 8th grades, which are approaching

OBITUARY

MRS. JOSEPHINE BEATRICE FUEKLER

Services were conducted by the Rev. Leonard Babcock at Stone and Myers chapel Monday for Mrs. Josephine Beatrice Fuekler, 351 E. 235th pl., who died at her home on Thursday, Sept. 25. Interment was at Pacific Crest cemetery. A resident of California for 24 years, Mrs. Fuekler had lived in Torrance for the past three years. She was born in Houston, Texas, in 1895. Surviving are her husband, Bert Fuekler, and a sister, Mrs. Leona Buttler of Houston, Texas.

CHARLES THEODORE FABIAN

Services were held Tuesday at Stone and Myers chapel for Charles Theodore Fabian, 69, who died Sunday at his home, 4473 Del Amo Blvd. The Rev. R. J. Memmuir officiated and private cremation was held at Pacific Crest. Mr. Fabian was formerly a resident of Redondo Beach and had lived in Torrance for the past eight months. Surviving him is a brother, Frank Fabian, Beaumont, Calif.

MRS. THERESA OLGA SIMON

The Rev. Father Patrick J. McGuinness will conduct services at 9 a.m. today at the Church of the Nativity for Mrs. Theresa Olga Simon, 68, 1819 Gramercy ave., who died Sunday at the Bellevue Rest Home, Gardena. The widow of Nicholas Simon, she was born in Budapest, Hungary, and was a Torrance resident for the past 35 years. She leaves a niece, Mrs. Irma Papp, of Yonkers, N. Y.

400 in number today and using the maximum capacity, together with the entire school plant.

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